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RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT SB 287 (COX) AND AB 1511 (EVANS) IF AMENDED – DESIGN BUILD CONTRACT METHOD (ITEM NO. 12, AGENDA OF JULY 5, 2005)

Item No. 12 on the July 5, 2005 Agenda is a joint recommendation by the Acting Director of Public Works and my office to: 1) support SB 287 (Cox) if amended; 2) support AB 1511 (Evans) if amended; 3) support any other legislation which gives the County design-build authority for projects to construct buildings and directly related improvements; and 4) instruct the County's legislative advocates in Sacramento, working with the Department of Public Works, and other interested individuals and organizations, to advocate these positions on behalf of Los Angeles County.

Since the filing of the Board Letter, AB 1511 (Evans) has been set for hearing on July 6, 2005 in the Senate Local Government Committee, and SB 287 (Cox) was heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee on June 29, 2005 and passed, as amended, by a vote of 7 to 0. The amendments are not in print yet, but our Sacramento Advocates were able to obtain copies of the amendments accepted by the author in committee.

Amendments to SB 287 (Cox)

The amendments taken in committee: 1) lower the minimum project cost threshold applicable to design build from \$10 million to \$2.5 million; 2) allow 3 additional counties, including Los Angeles County, to enter into design-build contracts; 3) change the definition of "best value" to mean a value determined by objective criteria related to price, features, functions, and life-cycle costs; 4) define "project" to mean the construction of a building and improvements directly related to the construction of a

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building, excluding construction of other infrastructure, including but not limited to, streets and highways, public rail transit, or water resources and infrastructure; 5) allow eligible entities the authority to award the project using either the lowest responsible bidder or by best value; and 6) double-join SB 287 to AB 1511 and specify that both bills must be chaptered and become effective by January 1, 2006.

Since SB 287 has been amended to include Los Angeles County as an entity eligible to employ the design-build contract method, the Department of Public Works recommends that the County support SB 287, and we concur.

SB 287 is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee awaiting a hearing date.

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